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1. BECAUSE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THIS EMBASSY ATTACHES TO EXPANDING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN BAHRAIN, SINCE ARRIVAL I HAVE REVIEWED VERY CAREFULLY ALL POSSIBILITIES OF MANAMA SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO NEA CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN JUNE 18-20. UNFORTUNATELY THE ONLY OFFICER WE HAVE AT THIS POST WHO AT THIS STAGE COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE OR BENEFIT FROM IT IS ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER SAMUEL STARRETT. ALTHOUGH HE IS MOST EAGER TO ATTEND MR. STARRETT IS ANTICIPATING DURING JUNE 18-20 PERIOD AN EVENT IN BAHRAIN WHICH WITH ALL DUE RESPECTS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE BLESSED THAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SIMPLY CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE LET HIM BE OUT OF MANAMA AT THIS TIME.

2. EMBASSY KUWAIT HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO HAVE KUWAIT COMMERCIAL OFFICER TED KATTOUF COVER FOR US AT THE CONFERENCE AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO DEBRIEF STARRETT IN NEXT WEEK OR SO.
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